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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 26 September, the present paper is timely filed on or before 26 December 2008.

The claim amendments begin on page 3.

Applicants remarks begin on page 9.

Please amend the Application as follows.